

REMARKS

Initially, the undersigned attorney would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to him during the teleconference with the Examiner on August 18, 2006. While the issues were not resolved during that interview, the undersigned gained a better understanding of the Examiner's remaining issues and objections as now set forth in the outstanding Office Action.

Turning to the Office Action, the Examiner first notes that the Applicant must cancel all non-elected claims for a complete reply to this Office Action. Accordingly, the Applicant has cancelled claims 22-27 without prejudice or disclaimer, and subject to Applicant's right to file a divisional application on those claims.

Next, the Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's remarks that the replacement sheet of drawings has been approved by the Examiner.

Next, the Examiner has objected to the specification for failing to provide antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter, particularly in claim 1, 9 and 28, and under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. However, during the teleconference of August 18, 2006, with the Examiner, the Examiner indicated that if his suggested amended language that was to be provided to the Applicant in the upcoming Office Action was set forth in the claims and specification, then that subject matter entered into the specification and claims would be entered as it was reasonably supported by the drawing figures and defined over the prior art of record. Accordingly, Applicant has done just that.

Applicant has amended the specification to provide the language adopted in amended claims 1 and 9 to provide antecedent basis with regard to all of the claimed embodiments. As noted by the Examiner, the language adopted is reasonable supported by the drawings. Consequently, no new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the specification be entered.

Similarly, the Examiner has also rejected claims 1-19 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter not described in the specification. Again, the Applicant has amended claims 1 and 9 to incorporate the language suggested

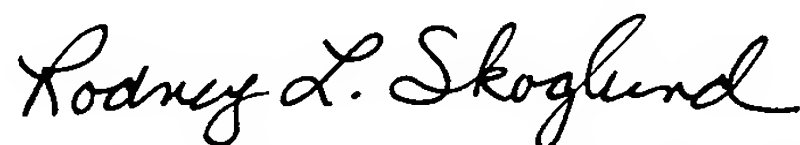
by the Examiner that the Examiner indicates is reasonably supported by the drawings and that defines over the art of record.

With respect to claim 28, the Applicant notes that some of the subject matter of the claim (i.e., "parallel to each other") was previously already set forth in the specification at page 18, line 19-25. The rest of claim 28 is reasonably supported by the drawing figures, including Figs. 1 and 6. In order to provide proper antecedent basis for this claim however, Applicant has amended claim 28 to provide literal word support within the specification itself. Again, no new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that these amendments be entered.

In light of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully requests that the application be reviewed again with consideration of the amendments and arguments presented. The Applicant believes that claims 1-21 and 28 are in condition for allowance and earnestly requests notice of the same. Should the Examiner care to discuss any of the foregoing, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

No new claims have been presented. Accordingly, no additional claims fees are presently believed due. Should a fee that is due be inadequate or overpaid, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account No. 18-0987 for any underpayment or overpayment of the fee due.

Respectfully submitted,



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